Federal Communications Commission 445 12th Street, S.W. Washington, D. C. 20554

News Media Information 202 / 418-0500 Internet: http://www.fcc.gov TTY: 1-888-835-5322

This is an unofficial announcement of Commission action. Release of the full text of a Commission order constitutes official action. See MCI v. FCC. 515 F 2d 385 (D.C. Circ 1974).

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

January 21, 2010

NEWS MEDIA CONTACT:

Mark Wigfield, (202) 418-0253 Email: mark.wigfield@fcc.gov

PANELISTS ANNOUNCED FOR JAN. 26 BROADBAND WORKSHOP ON MINORITY RADIO

The Federal Communications Commission will hold a staff workshop Tuesday focusing on ways that broadband technology can support minority radio. Participants will discuss how broadband technology could expand the listener base for minority radio, unique barriers to the use of broadband technology by minority radio, and what business models can best marry broadband technology and minority radio. The public is encouraged to attend.

WHAT: Broadband and New Media Strategies for Minority Radio

WHEN: Tuesday, January 26, 2010, 9:30 a.m. EST

WHERE: FCC Commission Room,

445 12th St. SW

Washington, D.C. 20554 Registration in advance at

http://www.broadband.gov/ws minority radio.html is encouraged

ONLINE: Must pre-register at

http://www.broadband.gov/ws minority radio.html

Government Participants:

- Carolyn Fleming-Williams, Senior Deputy Director, Office of Communications Business Opportunities, FCC
- Rick Wade, Acting Chief of Staff, Department of Commerce

Panelists:

- Mario Armstrong, Radio Host; XM/Sirius radio, USTalkNetwork.com, WYPR & WEAA
- Eric Broyles, Founder & CEO, Megree, Inc.
- Frank Flores, Chief Revenue Officer of the radio segment & General Manager, Spanish Broadcasting Systems
- Anita Stephens Graham, Partner, Opportunity Capital Partners
- Zemira Jones, President /CEO, All American Management Group, Inc.
- James L. Winston, Executive Director, National Association of Black-Owned Broadcasters
- Candida Mobley-Wright, President, Voices, Inc.

- Frank Montero, Co- Managing Partner with the law Fletcher, Heald & Hildreth
- Cleveland Spears, Producer/Radio Host/General Manager, iM4radio Broadcasting Network
- Loris Ann Taylor, Executive Director, Native Public Media

The Federal Communications Commission is convening a series of hearings to promote an open dialogue with the public on the development of a <u>National Broadband Plan</u>. The American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 directed the FCC to submit a National Broadband Plan to Congress by February 17, 2010 that addresses broadband deployment, adoption, affordability, and the use of broadband to advance solutions to national priorities, including health care, education, energy, public safety, job creation, investment, and others.

Reasonable accommodations for people with disabilities are available upon request. Include a description of the accommodation you will need with as much detail as possible. Also include a way we can contact you if we need more information. Please provide as much advance notice as possible; last minute requests will be accepted, but may be impossible to fill. Send an e-mail to fcc504@fcc.gov or call the Consumer & Governmental Affairs Bureau at 202-418-0530 (voice), 202-418-0432 (TTY).

-FCC-

Updates about the Federal Communications Commission's development of the National Broadband Plan can be found at www.broadband.gov. You can also follow us on Twitter at http://twitter.com/FCC.